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ALEXANDRIA FOR ATHERTON

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SUBJ: BEIRUT SITUATION: CONVERSATION WITH BASHIR GEMAYEL

REF: (A) BEIRUT 4565, (B) STATE 200853(TOSEC 090066)

1. HAVE JUST TALKED TO BASHIR GEMAYEL ON TELEPHONE. IN BRIEF,
HE ADMITTED HIS PEOPLE WERE PARTICIPATING IN SNIPING BUT
SAID THEY HAD NO DESIRE TO KEEP UP THE SHOOTING, SINCE IT

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WAS THEIR HOMES WHICH WERE BEING DESTROYED IN BATTLE. HIS
OWN HOUSE HAD BEEN BURNED LAST NIGHT AND HIS WIFE AND BABY
HAD BEEN FORCED TO FLEE. IT WAS NOT POSSIBLE TO STOP
THE SHOOTING, HOWEVER, AS LONG AS SYRIANS AND MARONITES
IN SUCH CLOSE PROXIMITY IN SO MANY SENSITIVE PLACES
(INCLUDING ASHRAFIYA, DHOUR ASH-SHWAYR AND BIKFAYA).
SYRIANS WOULD HAVE TO WITHDRAW.

2. I SAID IT WAS EVEN POSSIBLE SYRIANS WANTED TO WITHDRAW, BUT THEY WERE NOT GOING TO DO SO UNDER FIRE. BASHIR SAID HE READY TO GUARANTEE HIS MEN WOULD NOT SHOOT, PROVIDED THERE WAS SOME TRUSTWORTHY PLAN FOR SYRIAN WITHDRAWAL. PROBLEM WAS THAT THERE WAS NO CONFIDENCE ON EITHER SIDE. WAY WOULD HAVE TO BE FOUND TO GUARANTEE ANYTHING WHICH MIGHT BE AGREED UPON. TOLD HIM I WOULD LOOK INTO QUESTION AND CALL HIM BACK.

3. THEN CALLED BOUTROS UP AT PALACE AND RECOUNTED CONVERSATION. HE SAID GOL TRYING TO WORK OUT SOMETHING THROUGH AMIN GEMAYEL AND DANY CHAMOUN. AMIN REPORTED THAT HE HAD BEEN GIVEN AUTHORITY BY HIS FATHER AND BY CAMILLE CHAMOUN TO SPEAK ON THEIR BEHALF IN EFFORT FIND WAY OUT OF IMPASSE. BOUTROS SUGGESTED I SHOULD TALK TO AMIN AND PIERRE GEMAYEL AS WELL AS TO CHAMOUN.

4. AM TRYING TO GET IN TOUCH WITH CAMILLE CHAMOUN. DANY REPORTEDLY IS SICK AND WITHOUT TELEPHONE. AM ALSO TRYING CALL AMIN AND PIERRE.

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